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SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDONESIA BY JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN

REF: JAKARTA 2263 AND 2403.

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ZURHELLEN

1. I AM REPLYING TO REFTELS IN ABSENCE OF PHIL HABIB, WHO IS IN VIETNAM WITH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.
2. GENERAL BROWN'S PROPOSED VISIT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH JCS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN THAT GOI WILL BE DISAPPOINTED IF GENERAL BROWN VISITS INDONESIA IN EARLY APRIL BUT IS UNABLE TO GIVE INDONESIANS FAVORABLE REPORTS ON MAP, FMS, SHIP PROCUREMENT AND INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS. SINCE INVITATION HAS ALREADY BEEN EXTENDED BY GENERAL PANGGABEAN, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOT TO RESPOND, ESPECIALLY WHEN GENERAL BROWN WILL BE PASSING THROUGH AREA IN ANY EVENT ON HIS RETURN FROM CENTO MEETING IN PAKISTAN.

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3. AS REGARDS FY-75 MAP, SITUATION IS DEPENDENT ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AT THIS STAGE AND ODDS ARE AGAINST RESOLUTION OF ISSUE BY TIME OF GENERAL BROWN'S PROPOSED

VISIT. NOR AT THIS TIME CAN WE FORESEE WHAT GENERAL BROWN MIGHT BE ABLE TO TELL GOI ABOUT SITUATION IN INDOCHINA. ON OTHER HAND, SOME OF UNFAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS THAT INDONESIANS HAVE ANTICIPATED HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED (U.S. OPPOSITION TO IBRD LOANS TO INDONESIA, FOR EXAMPLE) AND BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY INDONESIANS WILL BE RECEIVING FAVORABLE NEWS ON PL-480 AND PERHAPS OTHER PROGRAMS. DOES NOT APPEAR TO US THAT ATMOSPHERE IN JAKARTA SHOULD BE ENTIRELY BLEAK AT TIME OF PROPOSED VISIT EVEN IF GENERAL BROWN IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FAVORABLE NEWS ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

4. OCCURS TO US, IN FACT, THAT GENERAL BROWN'S VISIT MIGHT PROVIDE ESPECIALLY USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUAINT INDONESIANS WITH ACTUAL SITUATION IN AREAS OF CONCERN UNDER RELATIVELY FAVORABLE CONDITIONS. INDONESIANS WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF SITUATION IN THESE AREAS IN ANY EVENT, AND HEARING IT FROM GENERAL BROWN MIGHT HELP EMPHASIZE POSITIVE ASPECTS. IN ANY EVENT, VISIT BY CHAIRMAN JCS SHOULD ITSELF BE DEMONSTRATION OF CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN INDONESIA.

5. IN VIEW FOREGOING, WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SUGGEST THAT GENERAL BROWN'S VISIT BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED. IF YOU AGREE, SUGGEST YOU AUTHORIZE DEFENSE ATTACHE TO PROCEED. KISSINGER

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